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Z. C. M. I. FORTY YEARS OLD.

It is just forty years ago today since a number of those sturdy stalwarts, who played such a prominent part in building up the great Commonwealth in this inter-mountain region, met in the old City Hall, of Salt Lake City, and established Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution.

The co-operative movement had been agitated for some time prior to the meeting, and although no definite plans had been formulated, many felt that in co-operation was to be found the lever of enduring progress in manufacturing, commercial and financial movements generally.

Located as the first colonists were, over a thousand miles from the great water-ways of the old frontiers, whence they had come, and almost that distance from the western sea-board, they were at the mercy of exacting traders, some of whom, following in the wake of a fleeing people, had found a clamorous demand and had realized exorbitant prices for their wares.

The general welfare, instead of the enrichment of a few, was in the mind's eye of those faithful men who founded Z. C. M. I. It was felt that if the people became peculiarly interested in an institution of this character, the profits would remain at home, and at the same time merchandise could be bought and sold at reasonable prices; in this way the institution would become a mighty factor for good to the people of the territory. The movement, however, did not immediately assume a rosy appearance; difficulties had to be overcome, but each obstacle surmounted added vigor and strength to the young concern. The policy adopted was to purchase only from first hand, direct from manufacturers, or importers where practical, thus avoiding middlemen as far as possible, by this means the best goods at the lowest prices were secured, and the benefits of this method were obtained in every part of Utah and in the surrounding states.

That the co-operative movement that came into existence forty years ago today has been a success is evidenced by the growth and results obtained by the institution. The total sales amount to \$120,000,000; nearly three and a half millions have been disbursed in cash dividends; while in 1907 the sales were approximately \$6,000,000.

The first president was Brigham Young, followed by H. S. Eldredge in April, 1873, Brigham Young, re-elected in October, 1873, W. H. Hooper in 1877, John Taylor in 1883, Wilford Woodruff in 1887, Lorenzo Snow in 1893, and Joseph F. Smith in 1901.

The first vice president was W. H. Hooper, followed by J. M. Bernhisel in 1872, Theodore McKane in Oct. 1873, William Jennings in Nov. 1873, Theodore McKane re-elected in 1874, William Jennings re-elected in 1877, H. S. Eldredge in 1888, Moses Thatcher in 1888, George Q. Cannon in 1897, Joseph F. Smith in 1901, who was succeeded by the present vice president, George Romney in 1901.

The first superintendent was H. B. Clarkson, followed by W. H. Hooper in 1873, H. S. Eldredge in 1876, and William Jennings in 1881, H. S. Eldredge re-elected in 1883, who was succeeded in 1888 by the present superintendent, Colonel T. G. Webber, who on the 10th inst. completed his twentieth year of service in that position.

The first treasurer was D. O. Calder, followed by Thomas Williams in 1871, John Clark in 1874, T. G. Webber in 1875, D. O. Calder in 1876, T. G. Webber, re-elected in 1878, who was succeeded by the present treasurer, A. W. Carlson in 1889.

Today the store covers a floor space of 200,000 square feet and employs some 500 persons—surely a sufficient testimony to the wisdom and loyalty of those who supported the movement in its inception.

The great moral basis upon which the Latter-day Saints were counseled to build their social and industrial enterprises may be restated at this time. It was set forth in a circular to the Saints, dated in July, 1875, and signed by President Brigham Young, and his associates. In this document they say, in part:

"One of the great evils with which our nation is menaced at the present time is the wonderful growth of wealth in the hands of a comparatively few individuals. The very liberties for which our fathers contended so steadfastly and courageously, and which they bequeathed to us as a priceless legacy, are endangered by the monstrous power which this accumulation of wealth gives to a few individuals and a few powerful corporations. By its seductive influence results are accomplished which, were it more equally distributed, would be impossible under our form of government."

The circular, further, sets forth the danger of the Saints becoming the victims of similar conditions, the result of which would be class distinction and discord. Co-operation was counseled as a means of preserving unity and harmony. We quote:

"A wealthy class was being rapidly formed in our midst whose interests, in the course of time, were likely to be diverse from those of the rest of the community. The growth of such a class was dangerous to our union and of all people, we stand most in need of union, and to have our interests identical. Then it was that the Saints

were counseled to enter into co-operation."

The Z. C. M. I. is one of the grand monuments to the patriotism and the disinterested concern for the welfare of their fellow-men by which the founders of Utah were animated in their epoch-making work of empire-building, as well as to the noble, philosophical principles by which they were guided in their business undertakings.

The success of the Z. C. M. I. is due to the honesty and integrity as well as business ability of its officers, and the faithfulness of its employees. They are all to be congratulated on this anniversary. The present Superintendent who for twenty years has guided the financial affairs of the vast institution with wisdom and integrity, may be complimented on being the manager of a mercantile concern the credit of which is second to no business house in America.

NO COAL FAMINE.

We noticed the other day a report of the vast coal fields in Alaska and the folly of worrying about a future coal famine, since new resources are discovered from time to time.

A friend reminds us that there are vast coal fields close by, that have hardly been touched yet. A local company, he says, owns 6,470 acres of coal land in Wyoming, with approximately 1,730,000,000 tons of coal, and the probability is that a great deal more than the total estimate given, will be found on these lands. This is of considerable local interest because the land is largely owned by Utah boys and is being developed by local enterprise. It is interesting too, because, with such a vast storehouse close by filled to overflowing, there should not be another suggestion of a coal famine.

Since 1814 the coal mined in the United States amounts to the enormous total of 6,865,097,567 tons. It will be seen that the property in Wyoming referred to contains more than one-sixth as much coal as has been produced in our country for a century.

A REMARKABLE ERA.

That we are living in a remarkable era of the world's history is evident to even the superficial observer. Nations are in commotion. As a result of centuries of struggle for human rights ancient autocracies are passing away; a spirit of fraternity is manifesting itself in unexpected places, and nations are emerging from the shadow of obscurity and are coming to their rights in the family of nations.

Within a very short period of time we have seen Japan come to the front with a message from the entire Asia. Persia, after centuries of autocracy and obscurity, emerges as a free, constitutional monarchy. Turkey, by a bloodless revolution, is transforming herself into a free, constitutional empire. The Russian Czarism, must, in the near future, under the pressure from abroad, and from within, crumble to pieces, when all the enslaved races will assert their independence. Regenerated China will demand and secure a standing among free nations, and the time may not be far off when India's millions will awaken to the call of the modern spirit. It all means that the Millennium is drawing near. It means that human liberty and equality of nations, great or small, will assert themselves the world over, to form a real family of nations, settling its quarrels by arbitration, creating free intercourse, commerce, interchange of material and mental products.

The transformation that has taken place in Turkey is remarkable. A dispatch from Jerusalem tells a story of an event that could not have occurred before the revolution. It transpired at Nazareth. The Moslem Judge invited all the sheiks, as well as Greek, Roman and English churchmen, to the mosque. A large mixed crowd gathered. The Judge went up to the pulpit and preached a long sermon. An English clergyman followed and spoke from the same platform. "That indicates the spirit that is moving upon the earth, as in the beginning of the creation, to bring forth order out of chaos. It is the spirit of toleration, of brotherhood and love. Its work is to right wrongs and to establish peace upon the principles of justice and in the light of intelligence. The evil powers are fighting this movement in vain."

It is the bench show fan that is sure to go to the dogs.

Talk is cheap, and it is very much easier than letter writing.

The campaign orator often though vanquished can argue still.

The mother of many children says, "The union suit forever."

The hired girl is more than independent; she is domineering.

The one man who never asks for a square deal is the gambler.

Why is it that a campaign lie can never lie still and be quiet?

It looks as though there were to be a great flag rush in the Balkans.

What are Olympic victories compared with Chicago's baseball triumph?

The Archbold letters seem to have been among the "six best sellers."

England's unemployed are finding employment in marching to London.

Canned campaign canards are being thrown on the market in great quantities.

There is talk of the sons of marksmen forming an association. They will be known as the Sons of Guns.

"What is a reasonable profit?" is asked. Which is about as hard to answer as what constitutes a reasonable doubt in the mind of a reasonable man.

Did the Japanese escort sight the American battleship first, or did the fleet sight the escort first? It involves the question of the keenest outlook.

The American Numismatic association

tion condemns the American coinage as infatigable. The members are the gentlemen who would undertake to paint the lily and gild refined gold.

The panic has reduced Mr. Howard Gould's income two hundred thousand dollars a year. It has reduced ours somewhat but not to so great an extent as that.

Six hundred and twenty-five dollars were once paid for a lock of Nelson's hair. Governor Haskell, poor man that he is, would give a great deal more than that for somebody's scalp.

If the Berlin treaty is modified in accordance with the proposed suggestions of Great Britain, Russia and France, Beaconsfield, and Bismarck wouldn't know it if they were to return to earth.

The total vote in the electoral college is 453, and the successful candidate must have at least 242 of these votes. The New York Herald a short time ago, in a review of the political field arrived at the following conclusions:

Republican, reasonably sure188
Democratic, reasonably sure168
Doubtful, Republican leanings65
Doubtful, Democratic leanings13
In the balance45

Total453
Taft to win must get of the doubtful votes54
Bryan to win must get of the doubtful votes54

Political forecasts, as a rule, are not worth anything, and this year they are more uncertain than ever. The probability is that the coming election has a few surprises in store.

FARMERS' LOT IN NEW ENGLAND.

Boston Transcript.

Anybody who thinks the farmers of New England are living in solitude, out of touch with the great world and indifferent to the advantages of organization, is destined to a rude awakening if he subjects his impression to the test of fair-minded inquiry. Much "folly" is patronizingly bestowed on the farmers, who resent it and reject it. Their winters are said to be depressing, whereas that season is in reality the period of their social gaieties, grange suppers, neighborhood sleigh rides, festivities within the reach of moderate purse and moderate desires. Taken as a whole the farmer's lot is not an unhappy one, any more than that of the hired man.

TESTING ORIENTAL DIPLOMACY.

Boston Advertiser.

Japan will seek to obtain a control over China by acting upon the sentiments of the Chinese themselves, by posing and performing as China's true friend, her natural protector and guardian in the time of her re-birth. China, on her part, is likely to accept this attitude, and as it is directed with a soft hand and a hard heart, to fight even less than Japan. She will be disposed to allow Japan's friendship to stand between her and aggressions from without, as long as Japan tries no aggression on her own part. Japan's policy toward China must depend, for some years to come at least, in large part upon China's disposition toward Japan.

WAIST LINE AND PROSPERITY.

Baltimore American Star.

The stretched-out waist indicates an increase in food bought and money to buy. Forty-inch girths are not the rule in lean and scanty times. It must be that we are living better, and possibly higher. If we are getting fatter we are becoming more contented, for who ever saw a fat man surly? Temperament changes, according to the menu card, and it now remains for some psychopath to trace the evolution of national temperament.

A HARD ROW TO HOE.

Washington Star.

A serious defect in our mode of campaigning for office is exaggeration. We cry our own man up too high, and the other man down too low. We claim everything for our side. This result is that we are indulging in this sort of thing in the present campaign. Many of the Republican promises of what will follow if Judge Taft is elected are for a general election. The Democrats are promising to the people the earth and the fulness thereof in case Mr. Bryan enters the White House. As a matter of fact, there will be a hard row to hoe ahead, and it will test to the extreme the successful man, be he Taft or Bryan.

JUST FOR FUN.

Up to Date.

The smooth-tongued book agent was selling the old farmer a huge dictionary.

"But, look here, young man," protested the farmer, "there don't seem to be any appendix in this here dictionary. All the dictionaries I ever saw had an appendix."

The wily book agent thought a minute and then said:

"Why, my dear sir, this is the latest dictionary. Every late dictionary has the appendix removed."

And the old farmer was satisfied and bought the big book at once.—Chicago News.

Terminated.

"Last time I heard about Kit Skimnation she was engaged to a young man she met at a seaside resort. How long did the engagement last?"

"Three days, I believe. Then the young man began to insist on their marriage."

"Well," it was near the end of the season and she married him.—Chicago Tribune.

Recalled Them Distinctly.

"What were your sensations when the automobile struck the tree and threw you out?" I presume, though, you didn't have time to think."

"Oh, yes, I did. I distinctly remember thinking as I flew through the air, 'Gee! What a repair bill I'll have to foot!'"—Chicago Tribune.

Not Disappointed.

Goodman Gorrong—I've had the offer of a job an' I've a great mind to go to work."

Seymour Storey—I always knowed the wuz a yeller streak in you.—Exchange.

The Shaplest Method.

While building a house, Senator Platt of Connecticut had occasion to employ a carpenter. One of the applicants was a plain Connecticut Yankee, without any frills.

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"Yes, sir."

"You can make doors, windows and blinds?"

"Oh, yes, sir."

"How would you make a Venetian blind?"

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